

REMARKS

This is in response to a non-Final Office Action mailed May 4, 2006, having a 1 month due date of June 4, 2006 with a one-month extension providing a due date of July 5, 2006 (as the 4th of July is a Federal Holiday). This amendment is being submitted with a one-month extension of time. The Office Action includes a Restriction / Election. For the reasons discussed below, it is submitted that all pending claims 33-34, 36-37, 40-55, 57-58 and 60-77 are in condition for allowance.

Restriction / Election

The Examiner asserts the pending claims as being subject to a Restriction / Election requirement on the assertion that claims are directed to unrelated inventions. Applicants respectfully disagree with this assertion as the claims are generally directed to fundraising operations, but in order to expedite the prosecution of the present matter, Applicant hereby elects and requests continued prosecution of Examiner-classified Group II claims (claims 33-34, 36-37, 40-53, 54-55, 57-58 and 60-77). Claims 1-32 have been cancelled to expedite prosecution.

Objection to Amendment filed 2/6/06

The Examiner objects to the amendment filed on February 9, 2006 as introducing new subject matter in violation of 35 U.S.C. §132(a). In support of this objection, the Examiner asserts two of the steps as not being supported by the specification. More specifically, the Examiner asserts the following elements as being improper:

providing a link to a personal donation page in one or more electronic messages to third parties from a solicitor registered on the website, the personal donation page having a campaign goal and the name of the solicitor; and

receiving a charitable contribution from the donor.

In support of this rejection, the Examiner states that “[i]t appears that step (c.) is carried out on or using the personal donation page and the specification has no support for this.” (page 2, lines 11-13).

This objection is respectfully traversed because it is based on limitations not included or recited in the claim. Explicitly, claim 77 recites, *inter alia*, “receiving a charitable contribution from the donor.” As stated in the Office Action, the Examiner includes the

additional limitation that the contribution is received via a personal donation page. However, claim 77 does not recite such limitation.

Rather, claim 77, as presented, is fully supported by the specification as originally filed. Applicants redirect the Examiner to the chart on pages 13-14 in the Amendment filed on February 18, 2006. Among other passages, paragraphs 124 and 173 of the published application (page 17, lines 22-24 and page 25, lines 21-25 of the original specification) supports the step of “providing a link to a personal donation page,” and paragraph 180 (page 27, lines 26-29) supports the step of “receiving a charitable contribution from the donor.”

Therefore, based on the explicitly recited terms of claim 77, Applicants submit the objection is improper because it is based on limitations not recited in the claim. As such, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Rejection of Claim 77 under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶ 1

Claim 77 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶1 as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants respectfully disagree and submit the rejection is improper.

As discussed above regarding the objection to claim 77, The Examiner’s assertion that “[i]t appears that step (c.) is carried out on or using the personal donation page and the specification has not support for this” is improper because claim 77 does not recite the step of receiving a charitable contribution being carried out on or using the personal donation page.

Therefore, for at least the same reasons as stated above with regards to the objection to claim 77, Applicants submit the rejection should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

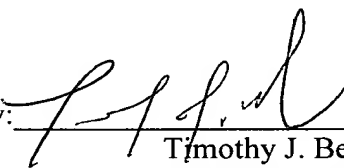
In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims 33-34, 36-37, 40-55, 57-58, 61-77 are allowable. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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